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\*SLP's do many good things for people, but this profession is not interchangeable with provision of behavior analytic services.

\*Board Certified Behavior Analysts receive hundreds of hours of supervised experience, a minimum of 6 courses in behavior analysis and pass a rigorous qualification exam to become a BCBA, currently SLP's are not required to take any courses in behavior analysis and therefore are not supervised by anyone who has proven themselves to be fluent in ABA

\*Consumers of ABA would be negatively impacted if they were allowed to receive services from a professional with no training or documented experience in ABA.

\*Any proposed expansion of an SLP's scope of practice must first be reviewed in accordance with Public Act 11-209, An Act Concerning the Department of Health's Oversight Responsibilities Relating to Scope of Practice Determinations for Health Care Professionals.

Thank you for your time,

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